

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

21. (NEW) A method for managing a project, comprising the steps of:

(A) assigning from a membership information database (i) an in-house council and (ii) an outside council to a project based
5 on a first input from an individual;

(B) receiving a document having an initial date;

(C) storing in a global event database (i) said document and (ii) said initial date based on a second input from said individual;

10 (D) calculating a due date based on both (i) a type of said document and (ii) said initial date;

(E) storing in a calendar database said due date;

(F) selecting said outside council to perform a first task for said project;

15 (G) receiving from an events engine database as selected by said in-house council an authorization response for said outside council to perform said first task;

(H) sending automatically to said outside council both
(i) a work authorization defined by said authorization response and
20 (ii) said document when an authorization event occurs;

(I) receiving from said events engine database as selected by said in-house council a first conditional response for said first task, wherein said first conditional response is (i) set when said authorization event occurs and (ii) performed if set when
25 a first reminder event occurs;

(J) calculating a first reminder date for said first reminder event;

(K) storing in said calendar database said first reminder date; and

30 (L) sending automatically on said first reminder date to said outside council a first reminder email to complete said first task if said first conditional response is set.

22. (NEW) The method according to claim 21, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a notice from said outside council indicating that said first task has been completed on a completion date; and

5 storing in said global event database said completion date based on a third input from said individual.

23. (NEW) The method according to claim 22, further comprising the step of:

cancelling said first reminder email if said completion date is stored before said first reminder date is reached.

24. (NEW) The method according to claim 21, further comprising the steps of:

assigning from said membership information database a supervisor of said outside council based on a third input from said individual, wherein said supervisor did not receive said first reminder email;

receiving from said events engine database as selected by said in-house council a second conditional response for said first task, wherein said second conditional response is (i) set when said first reminder event occurs and (ii) performed if set when a second reminder event occurs;

calculating a second reminder date for said second reminder event; and

storing in said calendar database said second reminder date.

25. (NEW) The method according to claim 24, further comprising the step:

sending automatically on said second reminder date to both (i) said outside council and (ii) said supervisor a second reminder email to complete said first task if said second conditional response is set.

26. (NEW) The method according to claim 21, further comprising the steps of:

receiving from said events engine database as selected by
said in-house council a second conditional response for a second
5 task, wherein said second conditional response is (i) set when said
first task is completed and (ii) performed if set when a second
reminder event occurs;

calculating a second event date for said second reminder
event as a fixed number of days after said first task is completed;
10 and

storing in said calendar database said second event date.

27. (NEW) The method according to claim 26, further
comprising the step of:

sending automatically on said second event date to said
outside council a second reminder email to complete said second
5 task if said first task is completed.

28. (NEW) The method according to claim 21, further
comprising a storage medium recording a computer program having the
steps (A) through (L).

29. (NEW) An apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store (i) a membership information
database, (ii) a global events database, (iii) a calendar database
and (iv) an events engine database; and

5 a database management system configured to:

(A) assign from a membership information database (i) an in-house council and (ii) an outside council to a project based on a first input from an individual;

(B) receive a document having an initial date;

10 (C) store in a global event database (i) said document and (ii) said initial date based on a second input from said individual;

(D) calculate a due date based on both (i) a type of said document and (ii) said initial date;

15 (E) store in a calendar database said due date;

(F) select said outside council to perform a first task for said project;

(G) receive from an events engine database as selected by said in-house council an authorization response for said outside
20 council to perform said first task;

(H) send automatically to said outside council both (i) a work authorization defined by said authorization response and (ii) said document when an authorization event occurs;

(I) receive from said events engine database as selected
25 by said in-house council a first conditional response for said first task, wherein said first conditional response is (i) set when said authorization event occurs and (ii) performed if set when a first reminder event occurs;

(J) calculate a first reminder date for said first
30 reminder event;

(K) store in said calendar database said first reminder date; and

(L) send automatically on said first reminder date to said outside council a first reminder email to complete said first task if said first conditional response is set.

30. (NEW) An apparatus comprising:

means for storing (i) a membership information database, (ii) a global events database, (iii) a calendar database and (iv) an events engine database;

5 means for assigning from a membership information database (i) an in-house council and (ii) an outside council to a project based on a first input from an individual;

means for receiving a document having an initial date;

10 means for storing in a global event database (i) said document and (ii) said initial date based on a second input from said individual;

means for calculating a due date based on both (i) a type of said document and (ii) said initial date;

means for storing in a calendar database said due date;

15 means for selecting said outside council to perform a first task for said project;

means for receiving from an events engine database as selected by said in-house council an authorization response for said outside council to perform said first task;

20 means for sending automatically to said outside council
both (i) a work authorization defined by said authorization
response and (ii) said document when an authorization event occurs;

means for receiving from said events engine database as
selected by said in-house council a first conditional response for
25 said first task, wherein said first conditional response is (i) set
when said authorization event occurs and (ii) performed if set when
a first reminder event occurs;

means for calculating a first reminder date for said
first reminder event;

30 means for storing in said calendar database said first
reminder date; and

means for sending automatically on said first reminder
date to said outside council a first reminder email to complete
said first task if said first conditional response is set.